

**Chambers of Senior Judge Lee R. West**

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**Lee R. West**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1929  
Education: Oklahoma 1952 BA, 1956 JD; Harvard 1963 LLM  
Began Service: November 5, 1979  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Academic:** Faculty, University of Oklahoma (1961-1962)

**Government:** Member, Civil Aeronautics Board (1973-1978)

**Judicial:** Judge, Oklahoma District Court, 22nd Judicial District (1965-1973); Special Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals (1973)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Busby, Stanfield, Deaton & West (1956-1961); Partner, Deaton, Gassaway & West (1963-1965); Hall, Estill, Hardwick, Gable, Collingsworth & Nelson (1978-1979)

**Military Service:** United States Marine Corps (1952-1956)

**Current Memberships:** Oklahoma Bar Association; Pontotoc County Bar Association

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Cynthia J. Smith** ..... (405) 609-5143  
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**Chambers of Senior Judge Tim Leonard**

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**Tim Leonard**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: Oklahoma 1962 BA, 1965 JD  
Began Service: August 1992  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Government:** Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, State of Oklahoma (1969-1971); State Senator (OK), Oklahoma State Senate (1979-1988); United States Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma, United States Department of Justice (1989-1992)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Blankenship, Herrold, Russell & Leonard (1971); Partner, Trippet, Leonard & Kee (1971-1988); Of Counsel, Huckaby, Fleming, Frailey, Chaffin & Darrah (1988-1989)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1965-1968); United States Naval Reserve (1968-1972)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Oklahoma Bar Association; Oklahoma County Bar Association

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Carmelita Shinn** ..... (405) 609-5304  
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**Chambers of Magistrate Judge Doyle W. Argo**

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**Doyle W. Argo**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Oklahoma 1969 BA, 1976 JD  
Began Service: April 17, 1987  
Term Expires: April 16, 2011

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, State of Oklahoma (1976-1979)

**Judicial:** Judge, Norman Municipal Court (1984-1987)

**Legal Practice:** General Counsel, Oklahoma Bar Association (1979-1981); Associate, Lisle & Durbin (1981-1983); Partner, Welch & Argo (1983-1985); Partner, Bailey, Welch, Argo & Lillard (1986-1987)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1969-1973); United States Air Force Reserve (1973-1997)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; The William J. Holloway, Jr. American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; Cleveland County Bar Association; Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Oklahoma Bar Association; Oklahoma County Bar Association; Order of the Coif; The International Legal Fraternity of Phi Delta Phi

**Staff**

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**Chambers of Magistrate Judge Bana Roberts**

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**Bana Roberts**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Oklahoma 1969 BA, 1977 JD  
Began Service: June 4, 1991  
Term Expires: June 3, 2015

**Academic:** Instructor, Legal Assistant Program, College of Law, University of Oklahoma (1986-1988)

**Government:** Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, United States Department of Human Services (1985-1988)

**Judicial:** Judge, Oklahoma District Court, Seventh Judicial District (1988-1991)

**Legal Practice:** Foliart, Mills & Niemeyer (1977-1980); Fenton Fenton Smith Reneau & Moon (1981-1983); Bradford Haswell & Jones (1983-1985)

**Current Memberships:** The William J. Holloway, Jr. American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; Oklahoma Bar Association; Oklahoma County Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Chambers of Magistrate Judge Gary M. Purcell**

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Oklahoma City, OK 73102  
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**Gary M. Purcell**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Oklahoma 1973 BA; Oklahoma City 1975 JD  
Began Service: December 28, 1992  
Term Expires: December 2016

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, United States District Court (1976-1979)

**Government:** Legal Intern, Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals (1975)

**Judicial:** Special Judge, Oklahoma District Court (1979-1992)

**Current Memberships:** Cleveland County Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Oklahoma Bar Association; Oklahoma County Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Chambers of Magistrate Judge Valerie K. Couch**

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**Valerie K. Couch**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
Education: UCLA 1974 BA;  
Oklahoma 1978 MA, 1983 JD  
Began Service: March 1999  
Term Expires: March 2014

**Legal Practice:** Hartzog Conger & Cason (1983-1999)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; The William J. Holloway, Jr. American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Oklahoma Bar Association; Oklahoma County Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Robert E. Bacharach**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1959  
Education: Washington U (MO) 1985 JD  
Began Service: March 29, 1999  
Term Expires: March 2015

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, University of Oklahoma (1997-1999)

**Chambers of Magistrate Judge Robert E. Bacharach continued**

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable William J. Holloway, Jr., United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (1985-1987)

**Legal Practice:** Crowe & Dunlevy (1987-1999)

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Caroline Larsen** ..... (405) 609-5320  
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**Shon T. Erwin**

Magistrate Judge (Part-Time)

Date of Birth: 1961  
Education: Oral Roberts 1983 BA; Oklahoma 1986 JD  
Began Service: June 1, 1995

**Affiliation:** Partner, Godlove, Mayhall, Dzialo, Dutcher & Erwin, P.C.

**Current Memberships:** Oklahoma Bar Foundation, Oklahoma Bar Association

**Membership:** Member, Board of Directors, Young Lawyer's Division, Oklahoma Bar Association (1991-1996); Member, Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section, Oklahoma Bar Association; Trustee, Oklahoma Bar Foundation, Oklahoma Bar Association (2004)

**Staff**

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**Number of Judgeships:** 3

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**Niles L. Jackson**

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1941  
Education: Colgate 1964 BA; Oklahoma City 1975 JD  
Began Service: April 10, 2002  
Term Expires: April 10, 2016

**Clerkships:** Clerk, Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals (1977); Clerk, Oklahoma Supreme Court (1980-1984)

**Judicial:** Judge, Oklahoma State District Court (1984-2002)

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